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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 27, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested. A set of revised claims is presented below, and marked up claim amendments are presented on separate sheets at the end of this amendment.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for obtaining a plurality of quantities of compositions with an apparatus comprising a plurality of collectors and a nozzle comprising a reactant inlet, the method comprising:

reacting a first quantity of fluid reactants within a fluid stream to form a first quantity of product composition;

collecting the first quantity of product composition from the fluid stream using a first collector;

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